

**GOVERNMENT OF INDIA  
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LOK SABHA**

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PROMOTING RURAL YOUTH IN SPORTS

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**Will the Minister of YOUTH AFFAIRS AND SPORTS be pleased to state:**

- (a) whether the Government proposes to encourage youth from rural areas to participate in the national and international sports events;
- (b) if so, the details thereof, sports discipline-wise;
- (c) whether the sportsperson from rural/tribal areas of Jharkhand and other States have brought glory to Indian in various sports competition;
- (d) if so, the details thereof during last three years sports discipline-wise;
- (e) whether the Government has introduced any scheme for the promotion of sports in the country including tribal and rural areas and to provide sports training and infrastructure in the primary and middle schools in the country; and
- (f) if so, the details thereof, State-wise?

**Answer**

THE MINISTER OF STATE (INDEPENDENT CHARGE) FOR YOUTH AFFAIRS & SPORTS (SHRI AJAY MAKEN)

(a) Yes, Madam.

(b) Under the 'Panchayat Yuva Krida Aur Khel Abhyan (PYKKA) scheme, playfields are developed in village and block panchayats in a phased manner. Under the scheme, rural competitions including North East Games, are conducted every year at block, district, state and national level across the country in the following 20 sports disciplines:-

1. Archery
2. Athletics
3. Badminton
4. Basketball
5. Boxing
6. Cycling
7. Football
8. Gymnastics
9. Handball
10. Hockey
11. Judo
12. Kabaddi
13. Kho-kho
14. Swimming
15. Table Tennis
16. Taekwondo
17. Volleyball
18. Weightlifting
19. Wrestling
20. Wushu

The annual competitions under PYKKA provide a huge base for identification of sports talent from rural and tribal areas. Further, Sports Authority of India

(SAI) under its various schemes, sports talents are scouted from the rural, tribal, costal, urban and semi urban areas and nurtured them in its various sports training centres across the country. The trainees are trained by SAI's expert coaches with boarding, lodging, competition exposure, sports kit, medical insurance etc., SAI also provides Scientific back up to enable them to excel at National / International level.

Furthermore, financial assistance is provided to recognized National Sports Federations (NSFs) for training and participation of teams in international events abroad, organization of national and international tournaments in India, coaching and training of National Teams under Indian and foreign coaches with requisite technical and scientific support, procurement of equipment etc

(c) Yes, Madam.

(d) The details of achievements are given at Annexure-I.

(e) Yes, Madam. Apart from PYKKA scheme, which has been introduced in 2008-09, for promotion of sports in rural areas, 21 Sports Training Centres have been established under SAI for scouting sportspersons from tribal, rural, coastal and hilly area having genetic geographic advantage and nurture them scientifically for achieving excellence in modern competitive games and sports.

(f) The details are given at Annexure-II.